## **NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU**



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Office of Information and Privacy

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## Dear Requester:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Air National Guard (ANG) dated July 29, 2012. The following items were referred by the ANG to the National Guard Bureau on April 3, 2013 for processing:

- a) Any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs.
- b) Any departmental records concerning this department's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
  - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office,
  - b. the altitude at which drones can or do fly and
  - c. the drones' ability to carry weapons.

On May 20, 2013 the National Guard Bureau issued a response indicating no records were located in response to your request. On May 30, 2013 you appealed the response to the Office of the Secretary of Defense referencing a memo released by the Ohio National Guard pertaining to the use of drones and policies for use and dissemination of data collected during UAV flights. and they assigned your appeal case #13-AC-0051-A1. On April 24, 2019 the Office of the Secretary of Defense remanded your original request back to our office to conduct a secondary search for records. This request is being treated as a new request and has been assigned case #J-19-0135.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact my office at (844) 573-2939 or by e-mail: ngb.foia@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

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